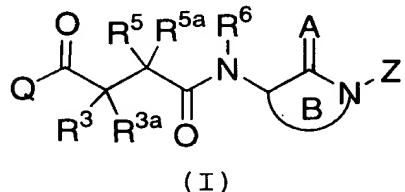


TITLESUCCINOYLAMINO BENZODIAZEPINES AS INHIBITORS OF A β PROTEIN
5 PRODUCTIONABSTRACT

This invention relates to novel lactams having the formula (I):



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to their pharmaceutical compositions and to their methods of use. These novel compounds inhibit the processing of 15 amyloid precursor protein and, more specifically, inhibit the production of A β -peptide, thereby acting to prevent the formation of neurological deposits of amyloid protein. More particularly, the present invention relates to the treatment of neurological disorders related to β -amyloid 20 production such as Alzheimer's disease and Down's Syndrome.